

## House Resolution 1026

By: Representatives Holmes of the 61<sup>st</sup>, James of the 135<sup>th</sup>, Jordan of the 77<sup>th</sup>, Everson of the 106<sup>th</sup>, Fludd of the 66<sup>th</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia District Chapters; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., was founded by the seven young men: Henry  
4 Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley,  
5 Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy, affectionately  
6 known as the "Seven Jewels," on December 4, 1906, at Cornell University in Ithaca, New  
7 York, who laid a firm foundation for the principles of scholarship, fellowship, good  
8 character, and the uplifting of humanity; and

9 WHEREAS, Alpha Phi Alpha college and graduate chapters have worked diligently and  
10 tirelessly to help correct the educational, economic, political, and social injustices facing  
11 African Americans through various programs and endeavors such as "Go-to-High-School,  
12 Go-to-College," A Voteless People is a Hopeless People, Project Alpha, Alpha Head Start  
13 Fatherhood Initiative, Leadership Academies, mentoring, affordable housing programs,  
14 scholarships, and many other community service projects; and

15 WHEREAS, the chapters of the Georgia District, under the leadership of its 11th District  
16 Director Ronald M. Natson, Sr., have provided outstanding leadership in their communities  
17 through the implementation of the fraternity's national programs and special projects and  
18 have uplifted their communities by living up to the fraternity's goals of Manly Deeds,  
19 Scholarship, and Love for all Mankind; and

20 WHEREAS, numerous members have called the State of Georgia home, most notably Rev.  
21 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mayor Maynard Jackson, Ambassador Andrew Young, Georgia  
22 Supreme Court Justice Robert Benham, Congressman David Scott, and among the numerous  
23 members who have been outstanding national leaders in the struggle to achieve civil rights  
24 in America are Senator Edward Brooke, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Congressman William Gray,

1 Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, and United States Supreme Court Justice Thurgood  
2 Marshall.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
4 the members of this body commend Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the Georgia  
5 District Chapters for their outstanding contributions to this nation and the State of Georgia,  
6 and proclaim February 21, 2008, as "Alpha Phi Alpha Day at the Capitol."

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia District Director and representatives of  
8 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., are invited to appear before the House of Representatives  
9 on a day and at a time designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
11 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Georgia District Director  
12 and the Chairperson of the Political Action Committee of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.